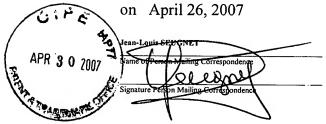
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In the Application of: Marc LEMAIRE, Christine SALUZZO and Mikael BERTHOD

Examiner: NWAONICHA, CHUKWUMA O

Serial No: 10/539,640

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For: DIPHOSPHINES, PREPARATION AND USES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of January 29, 20007.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant a two-month extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action in the above-identified application, and the Commissioner is authorised to charge Deposit Account. No. 18-1171 the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorised to charge any payment associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1171.

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In this connection, the Commissioner is in particular hereby authorized to charge

payment of:

- any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, and

- any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, to Deposit Account No.

18-1171.

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested in light of the

following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

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